various daily news papers that if any car running of LPG found plying on the roads that car would be impounded;

(c) if so, whether it shows the discrepancy in Government's policy and its implementation; and

(d) whether Government would clear its stand in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Government have taken 'in-principle' decision to permit the use of LPG as an auto fuel. However, at present, use of LPG is not permitted for automotive purpose under provisions of LPG (Restriction on Use) Order, 1974. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is in the process of formulating a new LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles), Order and till its publication, use of LPG as an auto fuel stands prohibited.

Increase in transportation charges of Petrol and Diesel

†645. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil companies particularly Bharat Petroleum have made on agreement to increase the tanker fare for transportation of diesel and Petrol through road;

(b) if so, the date on which this agreement was made together with the details thereof;

(c) whether the agreement has come into force; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Tenders for transportation of petrol and diesel are floated by the Industry Co-ordinators for all the States in each Region through Joint Industry Public Tender on behalf of all Oil Marketing Companies viz. BPCL, IOC, HPCL & IBP. The

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transportation rates are decided subject to the rates quoted by tenderers/negotiated rates.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has signed and agreement with Transporters for transportation of petrol and Diesel for various States in Western/Eastern Regions, effective from 01.09.1999 and 01.03.1999 respectively.

(c) and (d) The agreements have been implemented by BPCL's Western and Eastern Regions.

Complaints against gas agencies in Bihar

†646. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gas agencies alongwith their name and address in Bihar against whom complaints have been received during the last six months; and

(b) what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have received established complaints against the following agencies in Bihar during last six months:—

(i) M/s. Pushpanjali Gas Service, Muzaffarpur.

(ii) M/s. Avadhraj Gas Agency, Chitragupta Nagar, Patna.

(b) M/s. Pushpanjali Gas Service was suspended for a period of 15 days with effect from 5th November, 2000. M/s. Avadhraj Gas Agency was also counselled for appropriate service to customers as the complaint was related to non delivery of refills.

Diversion of kerosene for adulteration

647. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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